GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER`S VISIT TO USA
N.T. SHANMUGAM

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Security Adviser visited America recently; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of the meeting held between him and his American counterpart?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Security Adviser visited New York and Washington from September 19-26, 2001. During the visit, he met the U.S. National Security Adviser Condoleeza Rice, Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage, Deputy Secretary of Defence Pau Wolfowitz along with Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and a number of U.S. Congressmen. Discussions were held on a range of bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual concern, including the global campaign against terrorism.

The meetings between the National Security Adviser and the U.S.leadership, including his American counterpart, have led to better appreciation of India`s position on the security and political developments in our region.